GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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TESTING OF WATER SAMPLE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the findings of Chetna, a Delhi based Non-Governmental Organisation, on the water sample picked up from the Sangam of the confluence of the rivers Ganga and Yamuna at Allahabad and made tests at the laboratories of Shriram Institute for Industrial Research in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the basis of the tests conducted in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the report of `Chetna` on the water sample of Sangam shows that the physico-chemical & bacterial characteristics are generally within the prescribed standards for bathing quality. However, emergency works costing Rs. 5.38 crores were taken up in December 2000 to divert 90 million litres per day of sewage from Salori Nalla, Ghaghar Nalla and Mori Gate Nalla outfalling into rivers Yamuna and Ganga at Allahabad. Industries were directed to restrain from discharging untreated effluents into the rivers directly or indirectly.